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his business and that he need not worry about it at all. I submit this is not the way to treat the elected representatives of the people."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I hope, Sir, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition will not lose his temper or continue to lose his temper; he knows very well why he is putting the question and he knows also why the answer has been given as it has been." (Laughter.)

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" I wish to point out to you, Sir, that I am now concerned with our responsibility in the matter; it may be rather inconvenient for the Hon. the Chief Minister and it may inconvenient for the Government to be confronted with such a question. It may be that they may be having something up their sleeves. I am not at all concerned with that. When we put a specific question concerning the services of certain people and their rights, the Government need not get angry but they can very well answer the question but not in the way it has been done."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is not the Government that is getting angry but it is the Leader of the Opposition that is angry. He feels and things that the question of the Police services is an important concern of the Opposition but the Government take the opposite view."

Regional Transport Officers.

* 471 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state how many Regional Transport Officers were recently appointed by the Government and on what basis the selection was made?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Seven Regional Transport Officers were appointed in January 1953. The selection of candidates was made taking into consideration all relevant factors such as merit and suitability, caste, religion, community and things like that."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know if it is a fact that a relative of Sri Pulla Reddi, the Home Secretary, was appointed as Regional Transport Officer while there were so many other candidates who had got more service and qualifications in the Transport Department itself? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, the question is very improper because the assumptions are all wrong. I have dealt with the file and I know these allegations are improper."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know if these officers are appointed by the Public Services Commission or by the Government? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" At present, Sir, they are appointed by the Government. Rules are being framed and when they are passed, the appointments will be regularized by being referred to the Public Services Commission."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" I am again sorry at the type of answer given by the Hon. the Chief Minister. I do not know how it is improper. This has been known to certain sections of the people and it has been expressed by a Member of the Opposition and I wish to submit to you, Sir, that there is nothing improper in it."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The allegation is that a senior public servant of the State has done something that was improper; the allegation, I say, is improper, because the facts are all wrong."

(Sri T. Nagi Reddi rose.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am not going to allow a debate in regard to this matter; it is not a matter for debate."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The point Mr. Speaker, Sir, is that a Member on the Opposition side asks for certain information. I submit, Sir, that to say that the facts are all wrong is quite proper but to say that the question is improper is not proper. Whether that question is correct or not, the point is whether such a thing has happened. If it has happened, the Hon. Minister can say that it has happened, but the implication that he has read into the question is, I submit, not correct."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Before the hon. Member forgets the point, I wish to explain to him that no hon. Member has a right to assume that a certain relation of a certain senior officer was improperly appointed but the question could have been whether such an appointment was made and such a relationship existed. I say, Sir, that the assumption is improper."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The Hon. the Chief Minister was telling the House that the question itself was improper."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member has not heard the Chief Minister properly."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" If it was improper, it is for you to rule it out of order."

MR. SPEAKER :—" His point was that the assumption behind the question was improper."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" I submit, Sir, that however responsible the Chief Minister may be, he is not right in saying that the question was improper. He has thoroughly misunderstood the question."

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. Member is quite right in saying that I have no right to rule it out of order but I have a right to bring it to the notice of the hon. Member and the Speaker."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" I wish to clear the whole position, Sir. What we are concerned with is the propriety of putting the question (the Hon. Sri C. Rajagopalachari : 'With the assumption') yes, with the assumption. The hon. Member put the question with a full responsibility and asked if a particular gentleman that was appointed to a particular post was related to a particular officer; he makes that statement on the floor of the House and he made it with a full sense of his responsibility. The Hon. Minister might say that it is not a fact. If it is said that it is not a fact it is a question which has got to be investigated and we are prepared to prove it. Therefore, it is not for him to come forward and say that it is an improper question to ask."

MR. SPEAKER :—" What the Chief Minister said was that the assumption was improper."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I wish to submit, Sir, it is necessary that a question put should be in proper form, that if there is any matter which should be brought to the notice of the House, it should be put in a proper way but if it is put in any way without regard to the form, I am bound, in duty bound towards the officer and towards the State to say that the allegation is improper."

Remuneration to village officials for procurement in Guntur district.

* 472 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASIVIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the village officials were paid remuneration for work done for the Government in regard to procurement during the past three years in Guntur district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Village Officers in the surplus taluks of the Guntur district were paid additional remuneration in the shape of a bonus for the work done by them in regard to procurement in 1952 alone (during the past three years)."

(Question No. * 473 to be taken up to-morrow.)

Non-official visitors to sub-jails in Krishna district.

* 474 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether non-official visitors to sub-jails were appointed this year by Government in Krishna district; and

(*b*) if so, who they are?